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When the alien Skrulls invaded Earth, the super heroes of the British government intelligence department MII3 saw no alternative but to strike a deal with the forces of evil in order to banish all Skrulls from Britain. But now evil is loose and the work of MII3 has only just begun. And one particular force of evil has big plans for Britain and MII3...

Upon reaching an agreement with Doctor Doom, the Vampire Lord Dracula sets his plan into motion. The resulting ambushes leave the heroes of MII3 reeling, searching for answers. Unfortunately, they find themselves with only a declaration of war issued by the landless vampire nation and the realization that covert vampires may be lurking amongst their ranks.

Meanwhile, Spitfire--the vampire MII3 knew was in its employ--has fallen under the thrall of none other than Dracula himself...

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IT'S ONE OF THE MASTER'S GREAT INNOVATIONS, THAT WE SHOULDN'T SHUN MAGIC.

THERE'S A SHIELD THAT KEEPS OUT THE RADIATION. ALL DOWN TO LILITH.

MUM, I CAN'T TELL YOU--IT'S--

IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU FINALLY STANDING HERE, IN THE COMMUNION OF OUR PEOPLE.



I'VE GOT SO MUCH TO SHOW YOU, SO MANY THINGS YOU'VE BEEN MISSING OUT ON--

KEN--

I'M SORRY.



I'M ONLY HERE BECAUSE DRACULA... I MEAN THE... MASTER...

BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM THAT FORCES ME TO BE LOYAL TO HIM, TO OBEY HIM.

HE'S TOLD ME I CAN'T CONTACT ANYONE, THAT I CAN DO NOTHING AGAINST HIS WILL.

I'M NOT ENJOYING THIS, I DON'T SEE HOW I EVER COULD. TELL ME--



WHAT YOU CALL A CULTURE, A CIVILIZATION...

ISN'T IT JUST YOU MAKING THE BEST OF THINGS?



HEH. MUM...

WHAT CIVILIZATION ISN'T?

NOW COME ON...

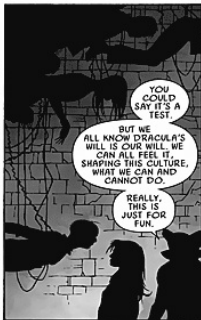


YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY--

OF DRINKING HOT FROM THE ARTERY!









QUINCY
HARKER, OLD
COMRADE.

HE GAVE
HIS LIFE TO
DESTROY DRACULA
BROUGHT DOWN HIS
CASTLE, USING
EXPLOSIVES.

KILLED
HIMSELF IN THE
PROCESS.

WHAT
VERY FEW PEOPLE
KNOW IS, HE LEFT
A WILL.



WITH SPECIFIC
INSTRUCTIONS
CONCERNING
HIS EARTHLY
REMAINS.



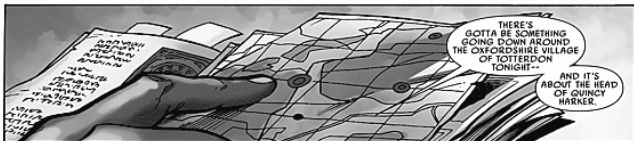
I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
A GADGET
PERSON?

USUALLY,
BUT AS WE'RE
FINDING OUT:
VAMPIRES USE
COMPUTERS.

SO MY
NOTEBOOK'S NOT
A BLACKBERRY, BUT
A PALIMPSEST, A
BOOK WRITTEN
OVER AN OLDER
BOOK.

IN THIS
CASE, A GIDEON
BIBLE.

HERE
IT IS...



THERE'S
GOTTA BE SOMETHING
GOING DOWN AROUND
THE OXFORDSHIRE VILLAGE
OF TOTTERDON
TONIGHT--

AND IT'S
ABOUT THE HEAD
OF QUINCY
HARKER.





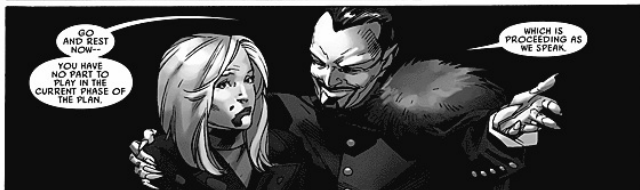


THIS IS
OUR FLAGSHIP.
IT IS BUILT AROUND
THE MAGICAL
IDEA OF FATE'S
VESSEL.

BUT
ENLARGED WITH
THE VISCOUNTESS'
POWER.

TO CONTAIN
THE ORDNANCE
TO SUBDUCE
BRITAIN.

AND A
THOUSAND
VAMPIRES TO
RULE IT.







DAMN IT.

DAMN IT.



MUM--



PLEASE, YOU CAN'T MAKE YOURSELF USE IT.

STOP TRYING.

I CAN ASK THE MASTER IF WE COULD DESTROY THAT COMMUNICATOR, IF IT'D MAKE IT EASIER--



HE WON'T AGREE. HE MUST WANT ME TO USE IT AT SOME POINT.

TO LEAD MY TEAM INTO SOMETHING.

KEN, IS IT JUST ME?

OR DID YOU TAKE OTHERS FROM--?



TWO OTHERS.

BUT THEY'RE IN DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

I'LL SHOW YOU.



WHAT?
WHAT'S THAT
YOU SAY?
VISITORS?

AND WE'RE
TO DO WHAT? WELL
THAT'S BLOODY
ODD!



BLOODY
MAGICAL
POWERS



PEOPLE
POPPING UP IN
MY DREAMS, ASKING
FOR THIS AND
THAT. PILLOCKS.
AREN'T THEY,
TITANIA?

I SHOULD
HAVE GONE
EX-DIRECTORY



THAT'S
THAT LITTLE BIT
OF PREPARATION
SORTED. I
WONDER WHY HE
WANTED--?

BRINNINGGAGGAGG!

AH,
THERE WE
ARE.



HOW MANY
OF YOU TAKE
SUGAR?



I'M
HONOURED TO
MEET MERLIN'S NEW
CHAMPION.

BLESSED
BE, SON OF
AMBROSE, LONG MAN,
HE WHO WALKS
THROUGH.

BLESSED
BE, DIANA.



YOU'D BE
PETER WISDOM,
THEN?

I KNOW
OF SOME YOUNG
WITCHES WHO'D
DEARLY LOVE TO
KNOW WHERE
YOU'VE--

ERM, YEAH,
DO GIVE THE
FARINGDON
CIRCLE MY
REGARDS.

DID YOU
DO WHAT
I ASKED?



HERE IS THE
ARTIFACT IN
QUESTION.

I HAD
TO GET THIS
OUT OF THE
LOFT--



POOR OLD
QUINCY.



TWENTY-SIX... HERE WE ARE.

DR. HUSSAIN.

TO BE REBORN AS A VAMPIRE IN THREE DAYS.

ALONG WITH TWENTY-FIVE OTHERS, TAKEN ON THE SAME NIGHT INCLUDING ONE OF YOUR MEN.

THIS IS HOW YOU RECRUIT YOUR ARMY.



WHEN WE'VE BROKEN MILITARY RESISTANCE, THE NEXT STEP WILL BE MASS CONVERSIONS.

THE MASTER'S EVEN DECIDED WHICH LAND WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR THE PURPOSE. DARTMOOR. BODMIN. GENTLE, BLESSED GROUND.

IT'LL BE A CULL AT FIRST. A LITERAL BATH OF BLOOD.

BUT FROM IT WILL COME A FOOD SUPPLY. A MUCH SMALLER BRITAIN.

A NATION LIKE IT WAS. WHEN IT WAS GOOD.

A HAVEN FOR US.





QUINCY HAD A VERY SIMPLE IDEA, A MINOR ALTERATION OF AN ANCIENT BOUNDARY CONDITION.

ONE THAT'S VERY INCONVENIENT FOR VAMPIRES

BUT ALL HE COULD DO WAS DEFEND ONE COUNTRY.

THE ONE HE'D COME TO LOVE, AND VALUE AS THE CENTRE OF ANTI-VAMPIRIC IDEOLOGY.



I MET HIM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

WE HAD QUITE A CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE

HE SMELT OF HONEY, AND HAD THE MOST ENORMOUS, OH, WHAT'S THE WORD?

OH YES, LIBRARY.



HE GAVE HIS SOUL, LITERALLY, TO POWER THE SPELL.

AND HAD IT CONTAINED IN HIS SKULL, I FOUND THE REMAINS AND PERFORMED THE CEREMONY



WHILE THE SKULL IS IN THE COUNTRY, EVERY VAMPIRE WHO WANTS ACCESS TO BRITAIN HAS TO BE INVITED--

LIKE THEY'RE COMIN' INTO A RESIDENCE--

INDIVIDUALLY.



SO THIS IS AN ANTI-INVASION WEAPON?

NICE WORK, QUINCY.

IF THEY WERE PLANNING ON GOING FOR THIS TONIGHT, OUR SWIFT ARRIVAL HAS CAUGHT THEM ON THE--



HOP.

SKRA SHHHH!





HOW
LONG UNTIL
DAWN?!

TWENTY-EIGHT
MINUTES!

HOW DO
YOU--?!

I FEEL
THE WORLD
TURNING!

THEN FIGHT
YOUR WAY TO THE
SKULL FORM AROUND
IT! IF THEY'RE ON
A CLOCK--!

NO SUCH
LUCK!

THESE GUYS
HAVE SERIOUS SUN
PROTECTION!

FIRST
LIGHT IS NOT
GOING TO BOTHER
THEM!

AND YOU
CAN BE SURE
THEY HAVE--

MAGICAL
BACKUP!



YES!

YOUR
STEALTH SQUAD'S
BRAIN ALTERATIONS
ARE FOCUSING
MY SPELLS!

I HAVE
THEM!



DON'T
WASTE YOUR
ENERGY ON
THE ENEMY.
CONCENTRATE
ON THE TARGET.

I KNOW
MY PART, MY
LORD!



LOOK
AT THOSE
SWORDS!

EXCALIBUR
AND THE EBONY
BLADE!

AND
LOOK AT
THOSE USING
THEM!



THE MAGUS
STANDS WANTS
THEM!





IT IS A
GAME.
AND
I JUST
WON.

NEXT: THE SHAME, THE SURRENDER.